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• THE "WILDY" DESIGN TEAM •



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Welcome to our world of excitement and adventure! We design and manufacture what we feel to be the best, most complete line of adventure sports equipment and apparel in the world.

Our entire line works together as an intricate system. Designed to mix and match to fill the needs of the most demanding and unique situations.

In order to achieve our goal of producing equipment of the highest quality possible, we have formed the most experienced design team in the world. From the remote jungles of New Guinea to the summit of Mt. Everest, collectively, we have used and tested each product in this catalog. Through our varied adventures we represent an idealistic team dedicated to producing the finest outdoor equipment and clothing on the market today.

This catalog highlights our Spring line. For more information about additional products, call 800-BACK PAK.

Introducing the WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE DESIGN TEAM!

Greg Thomsen, designer/president of Wilderness Experience was among the first to manufacture state-of-the-art outdoor equipment for the skiing and mountaineering elite around the world. His total commitment to details, function and quality have made "Wildy" gear the choice of those on the cutting edge of high adventure.

Kim Schmitz, a founding member of A.P.M.G.A. is a veteran of 24 major Himalayan Expeditions. Presently, Kim works for Exum Mountain Guides in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and is a photographer, lecturer and Wilderness Experience design consultant.

John Roskelly is a photo-journalist, lecturer and has over 23 years of climbing experience with a number of significant first ascents around the world... many

without oxygen. Rienbold Messner, super-climber, says "Roskelly is the premier expedition climber from the U.S."

Ron Kauk is recognized by his peers as the standard setter for difficult free climbs in North America. He was also a member of the successful team which made the first ascent of one of the most challenging rock faces in the Karakorum—Uli Biaho Tower.

Kim Momb is a superb rock climber, certified A.P.M.G.A. guide and motor cross champion. He recently made the first successful ascent of the difficult East Face of Everest.

Steve McKinney, former holder of the world speed-skiing record, was the first man to exceed 200 K.P.H. on skis! Brother of one of America's premier Alpine skiers, Tamara McKinney, Steve has been a member of numerous major expeditions. Galen Rowell, climber and photo-journalist par excellence is the author of five major books which describe and brilliantly illustrate the mountain experience.

John Long is an "extreme" rock climber, film maker and jungle adventurer. John thrives on exploring unmapped terrain.

Mike Graber is a certified ski instructor and mountain guide. His far-flung adventures have taken him from ski expeditions in Anarctica to the jungles of New Guinea to the heights of the Himalaya.

Dick Dorworth is a former U.S. Ski Team member and coach. Currently a writer for Ski Magazine, Dick was the first American to break the world speed-skiing record.

Mike Covington, founder of Fantasy Ridge Guides, is a certified mountain/ski guide and has been a member of more expeditions to more places than even he can count.

Leo Le Bon is president of Mountain Travel, one of the leading Adventure Travel firms in the world. Leo is a veteran traveler, expedition organizer and equipment tester.

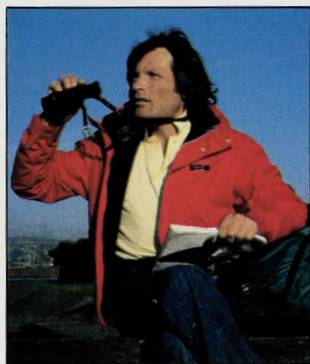
Greg Thomsen

OUR GUARANTEE

All Wilderness Experience products are fully-warranted to the original purchaser (for his or her lifetime) against defects in materials and workmanship. In the unlikely event that a product fails due to a manufacturing defect—even after extended use—we will repair or replace it, free of charge.

Greg Thomsen

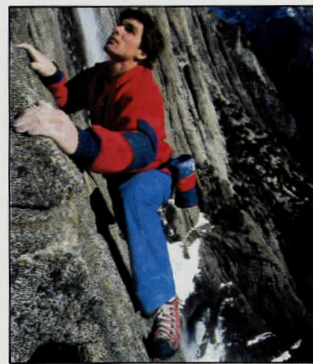
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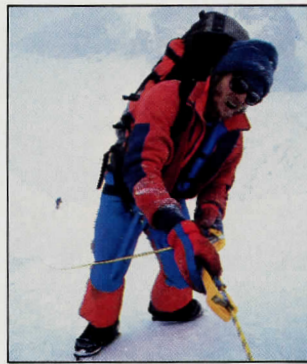
Ron Kauk



Kim Momb



Steve McKinney



Galen Rowell



It's not just fashion. It's not just a label. It's functional, comfortable, classic clothing for the high adventurer. We used our experience from years of expedition

outfitting, with the same Design Team that developed clothing that was worn to the top of Mt. Everest, to create the highest quality outdoor clothing made.

DOUBLE KNEE PANTS

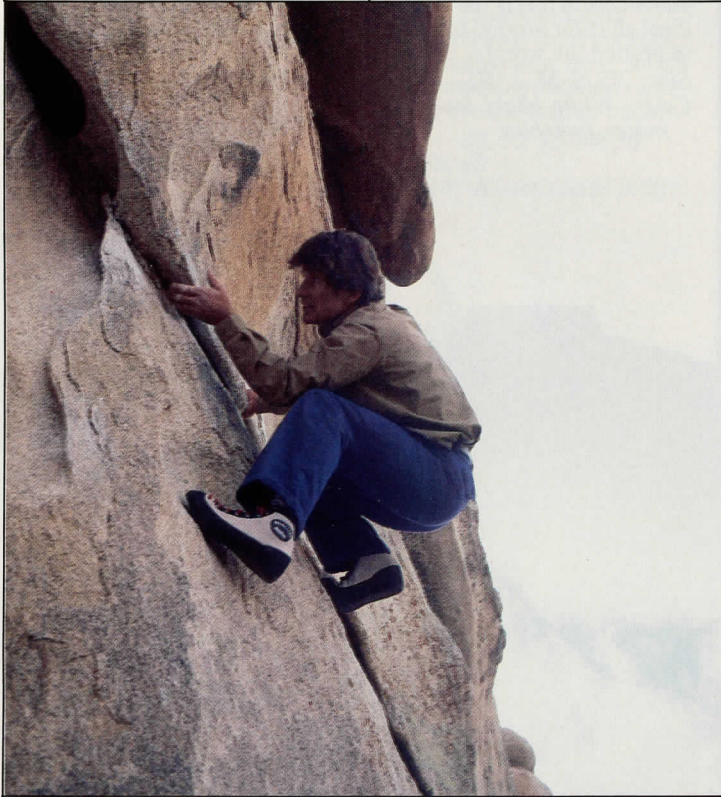
These Double Knee Pants have a dual personality. Originally designed with the climber in mind, we soon found out it was not only the perfect choice for rugged outdoor use but equally appropriate for around-town wear. This pant is made of a lightweight 100% cotton twill, the strongest weave known. The knees are reinforced for durability and the legs are cut full for freedom of movement. Quality, durability and functional fit come together in these classic cotton pants.

*Waist Size: 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40
Color: Khaki, Indigo*

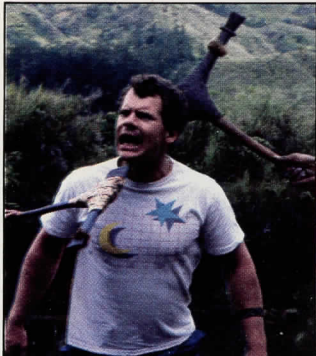
PRE-WASHED COTTON PANTS

Traditional, timeless classics, these 100% cotton pants are pre-washed to produce an unbelievably comfortable fit and to eliminate any fear of shrinkage. Climbers and politicians alike will love these pleated cotton trousers.

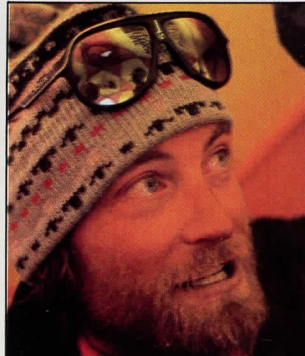
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Color: Khaki, white, Indigo*



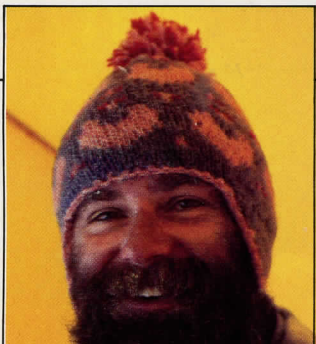
John Long



Mike Graber

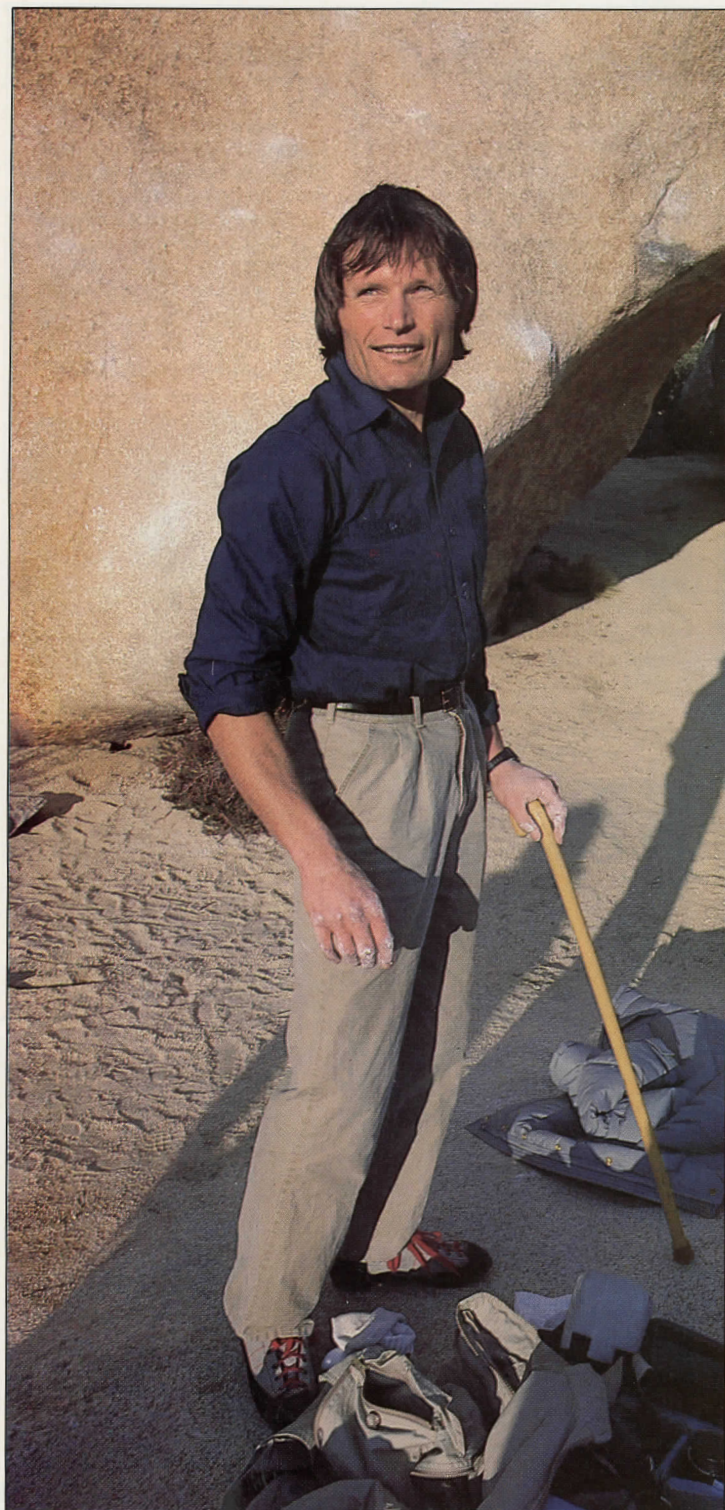


Dick Dorworth



Leo Le Bon





SHORT SLEEVE COTTON SHIRT

What more can you say about a great shirt? Perfect for warmer climates. Made out of soft, comfortable 100% cotton this is the ideal shirt for around town or around the world.

Size: XS, S, M, L, XL

Color: White, khaki, teal, indigo, light blue



LONG SLEEVE SHIRT

A great looking shirt. You can raise your arms when climbing without unbuttoning the cuffs. Made of comfortable medium-weight 100% cotton for year-around wear. This shirt has a full-length button front, two roomy front-button pockets and a pleated back for complete freedom of movement. Double-needle tailoring along with a slightly tapered cut gives this rugged shirt a stylish appearance.

Size: XS, S, M, L, XL

Color: White, khaki, teal, indigo, light blue



Kim Schmitz limping around Joshua Tree/Bob Gaines, Vertical Adventures

TREKKER SHORTS

Trekker shorts are the most comfortable made. The legs are cut full to prevent any chafing or binding. The 100% cotton canvas wears forever and the elasticised back and pleated front pockets ensure a perfect fit.

Size: 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40

Color: Khaki, white, indigo, teal

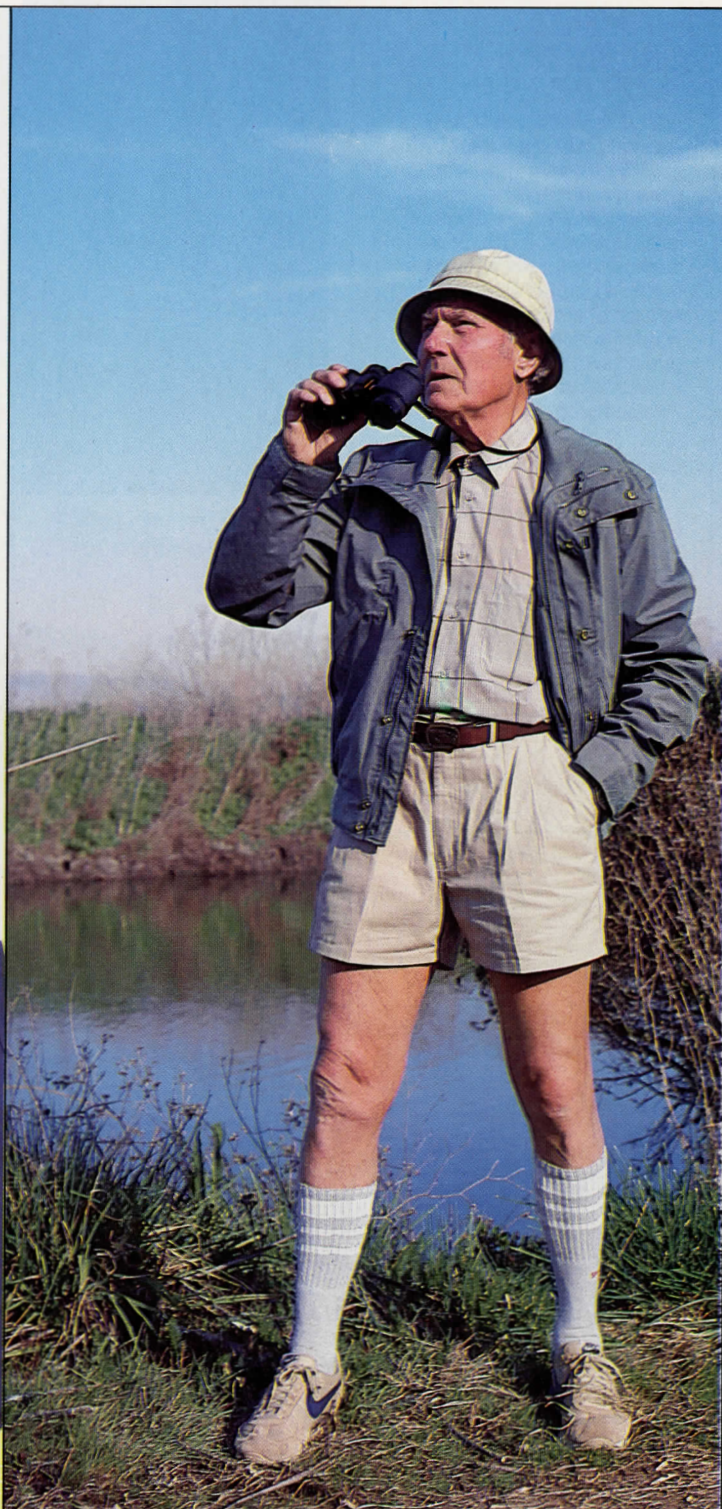


AUSTRALIAN SHORTS

The Australians took our America's Cup, but we've got them by the shorts. Our Australian walking shorts are made of 100% cotton twill. Classic tailoring with pleated front pockets and cuffed legs, these shorts are superbly detailed right down to the leather buckle.

Size: 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40

Color: Khaki, white, indigo



Alla Schmitz birding in the Bay Area/Kim Schmitz



TRI-BLEND SPORT PANTS

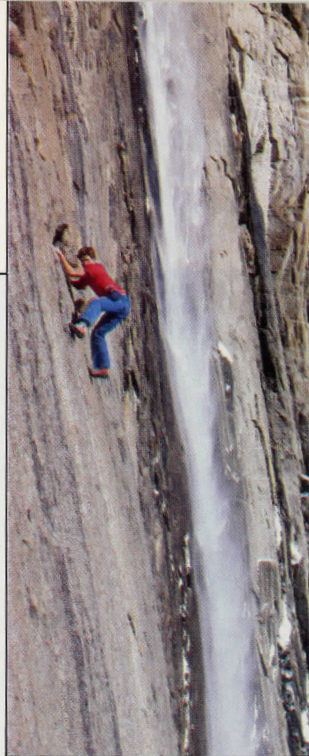
Lightweight, comfortable and versatile, these are leisure-lovers pants. Most of us would never think of leaving on a trip without at least one pair. Made of a durable blend of cotton (for comfort), nylon (for strength) and polyester (for wash and wear). Two side pockets and a snap-flap back pocket round out these ideal pants.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Black, white, yellow, navy, royal



John Long negotiating a marginal bridge in New Guinea/Dwight Brooks



*Ron Kauk free soloing near Upper Yosemite Falls/
Galen Rowell*

TRI-BLEND SHORTS

Baggies have been around for a long time, but nobody has ever made them as well as we have. A tri-blend fabric of cotton, nylon and polyester ensure comfort, strength and rapid drying. These lightweight shorts are great for any outdoor sport, from climbing to surfing. Made with two side pockets and a snap-flap back pocket with built-in brief, these sport shorts will become your favorite.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Red, royal, navy, yellow, purple, teal, black, white, putty



REVERSIBLE SHORTS

If you have even the slightest split personality, you'll love these shorts. Wake up in the morning and decide which color suits your mood. These comfortable Tri-blend shorts are reversible and have two side seam pockets and an elastic waistband. Finally, two pair of shorts for the price of one.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Black/teal, putty/yellow, putty/royal, navy/red, purple/teal



TRI-BLEND SPORT SHORTS

Comfortable, lightweight shorts designed with active women in mind. Detailed just like the men's version, but cut for a woman. Made of a blend of cotton, nylon and polyester with two side pockets and a snap-flap back pocket. What more can we say?

Size: 8, 10, 12, 14

Color: Red, royal, navy, yellow, purple, teal, black white, putty

REVERSIBLE SHORTS

Can a woman change her mind? We feel she should be able to—whenever she wants—so we made these shorts reversible with that in mind. These shorts are made with two layers of comfortable tri-blend fabric. Two convenient side pockets and an elastic waistband make these carefree shorts a perfect choice for whatever.

Size: 8, 10, 12, 14

Color: Black/teal, putty/yellow, putty/royal, navy/red, purple/teal



Gretchen in tri-blend shorts/David Stoecklein





CULOTTES

These 100% cotton culottes have been brought back into fashion by popular demand. Active, function-oriented women are wearing these culottes made of tightly-woven cotton poplin. Created by the better half of the Wilderness Experience Design Team, these culottes were tested in Africa on a recent safari and were found to be indispensable.

Size: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

Color: Khaki, white, moss



David Stoecklein

AUSTRALIAN SHORTS

All the active women at Wilderness Experience love these shorts that offer a longer, more comfortable cut. They are made of soft 100% cotton twill for durability and style. Detailed throughout, from the pleated pockets right down to the cuffs. A stylish leather buckle adds the finishing touch to a world class short.

Size: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Color: Khaki, white, indigo



TREKKER SHORTS

Women's Trekker Shorts are the most comfortable shorts made. Constructed of lightweight 100% cotton canvas, these shorts are cut fuller to prevent chafing or binding. Tailored with an elastic waistband in the back for a more precise fit, two side seam pockets and a back pocket, these classic shorts are a trekker's delight.

Size: 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16
Color: Khaki, white, indigo, teal



Trekker Shorts/David Stoecklein



• M O U N T A I N W E A R •

The design of mountaineering clothing has always been dominated by the principal that "form follows function." Space and weight are at a premium. The often hostile, ever changing environment of the mountaineer and wilderness traveler, requires clothing which is both versatile and reliable. Each piece of clothing in the Wilderness Experience line was conceived as part of a layering system and built to exacting quality standards.

Stress points on all garments are reinforced. Hoods fit well, providing unimpeded visibility and comfort. The hoods in shell

garments contain a stiffener made of nylon mesh which forms a bill to protect your face. The main zippers on garments have draft flaps on both sides to seal out the cold. The wrist closures on insulating garments are designed to keep the weather out and the warmth in. Jackets are designed to prevent drafts with an internal weather skirt. On some jackets we also use ribbed cuffs for that purpose. In longer jackets, drawstrings and storm cuffs serve the same function. We build the clothing as though we were going to use it ourselves, because we do.

POLARFLEECE® JACKET

No garment has received more enthusiastic praise than our Polarfleece® jackets. These are basically synthetic sweaters. The idea for all fleece and pile clothing originated with seamen in Norway who used synthetic pile garments to replace wool sweaters at sea.

Polarfleece® and Polarpile® garments absorb less than one percent of their weight in water and are half the weight of a sweater of comparable warmth. The softness and good looks of double-brushed Polarfleece® have served to make these jackets a classic in their own time for people who find their fun outdoors. They are excellent for skiing, camping, canoeing, biking, and zipped into the Mountain PC (Pile Cover) they form a four season system of tremendous versatility. The perfect all-around jacket.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Off-white, gray, charcoal, heather blue, navy, purple, berry, red

BUFFALO PLAID POLARFLEECE JACKET

The Buffalo Plaid Polarfleece® Jacket has a dense exterior nap which insulates and protects against the wind. Perfect for the outdoor enthusiast, this jacket is enhanced with a stylishly bold plaid. Zippered pockets and knit cuffs make this our most fashionable Polarfleece® Jacket.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Red/black



Polarfleece jackets/David Stoecklein



MOUNTAIN P.C.

The Mountain P.C. (pile cover) is an elegant solution to a problem which began with the invention of pile and fleece. Mountain parkas combined with fleece jackets have become a standard part of layering systems. As the use of fleece and pile extended into skiing and streetwear there were lots of situations where a long mountain parka with hood was just too much coat. The pile

cover is a good-looking short jacket with an extra set of zippers inside. By itself it makes a perfect lightweight powder jacket with underarm gussets for movement, a powder skirt, two zippered inside pockets and velcro wrist closures. **Zip in a polarfleece jacket and you have a coat suitable for severe conditions.**

We offer the Mountain PC in two fabrics. The Gore-Tex version is the ultimate in all weather protection. The water-proof breathable Gore-Tex® film is laminated to a Taslan outer layer and all seams are sealed at the factory.

*Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Black, navy, red, grey*



Galen & Barbara Rowell at Joshua Tree/Kim Schmitz

QUINTEX PILE COVER

As of this Spring, we are also making the same great design in QUINTEX, which is a micro-coated 65/35 fabric. This permanent treatment renders the fabric totally water REPELLANT and yet still breathable. The high level of performance combined with a reasonable price makes the QUINTEX P.C. a particularly attractive addition to your outdoor gear.

*Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Navy, red, silver*

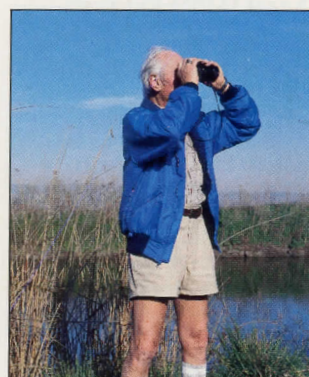




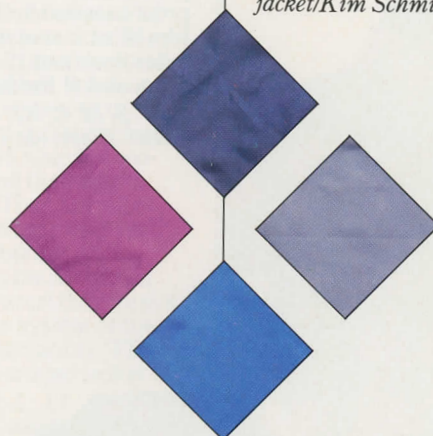
SAN JUAN JACKET

Amazingly warm for its light weight, the San Juan jacket combines a wind-proof Antron® nylon shell with a stretch knit polypropylene lining. The lining wicks moisture away, dries rapidly and provides remarkable freedom of movement.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Plum, royal, steel, navy



Alla Schmitz in San Juan jacket/Kim Schmitz



San Juan jacket/Wade McKoy

KT22 JACKET

From the Squaw Valley Ski Area comes the KT22, one of our most sophisticated three-season jackets. The outer shell is water-proof breathable Gore-Tex® laminated to Taslan nylon. All seams are factory sealed. Underarm zippers provide ventilation. The lining is tightly woven Polarfleece® for warmth and durability. It's the sort of jacket you start to wear in Fall and never stop wearing it all year long.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Red, royal, black, navy, teal



Powder Magazine editor Dave Moe and friend/Pat McDowell



TYPHOON JACKET

The name says most of the story. The Typhoon Jacket is professional quality raingear. It is made of incredibly strong nylon twill with a waterproof nitril coating. The seams are lap-fell sewn and factory taped. It has been called the Alaskan coat because of its durability. The Typhoon is serious foul-weather gear suitable for commercial applications.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Royal, grey



TYPHOON PANTS

The Typhoon Pants have a zipper fly, elasticized draw cord at the waist and Velcro® cuff closures.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Royal, grey



COLORADO JACKET

Our lightest shell and a personal favorite among the backpackers at the factory, the Colorado Jacket has Gore-Tex® laminated to ripstop nylon in the yoke of the jacket where its breathability provides the most benefit. The body of the jacket is urethane-coated ripstop nylon. All seams are factory sealed. This jacket is one of the nicest hood designs made. It's a full-featured parka that disappears into a bag when not in use.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Royal/grey, Yellow/grey



FLYWEIGHT PANTS

Flyweight Pants are made to match the Colorado Jacket. They are made of urethane-coated ripstop nylon with a zipper fly, elasticized draw cord at the waist, and Velcro® cuff closure. All seams are factory sealed.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Royal/grey, Yellow/gray



John Long (in Typhoon Jacket) getting directions in New Guinea/Dwight Brooks



THE MCKENZIE PARKA

This coat was created with the Pacific Northwest in mind. Designed for multiple use, the McKenzie Parka is at home in the mountains and in town. The outer shell is made of Gore-Tex® laminated to Taslan nylon. It has a removable hood, underarm zippers for ventilation, polypropylene knit inner collar, and

Velcro® wrist closures. Inside there is a storm skirt and a Velcro® sealed pocket. When you stow the hood away in one of the four outside pockets you have a handsome, fully lined parka suitable for skiing or street wear. If you can only own one coat for all your various lives, this is the coat.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Black, red, blue, navy, teal

MOUNTAIN PANTS

Mountain Pants are the perfect companion to the McKenzie Parka. Made of Gore-Tex/Taslan nylon, these pants are an example of functional perfection.

There are no seams on the outsides of the legs for smooth waterproof protection. Where there are seams, Gore-Tex® waterproof seam tape keeps water out. The full

cut legs provide freedom of movement and comfortable ventilation. Simple, clean and functional, Mountain Pants are the experts' choice for Gore-Tex® rain pants.

Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Red, royal, black, navy



*Carrying loads between camps 1 and 2
on Makalu/Carlos Buhler*



THE ALPINIST SERIES

THE GUIDE JACKET

A true expedition quality pile jacket. The Guide Jacket is made of Polarpile® which is a single-brushed, very densely woven, Dacron® fabric which wicks moisture well, dries quickly and is much more durable than Polarfleece®. All major stress seams are sewn and then taped for strength. The jacket has two zipper pockets which are accessible when wearing a climbing harness and pack shoulder straps, hand-warmer pockets and under-arm zippers for ventilation. The elbows are protected with packcloth patches. The arms are cut extra long to insure freedom of movement.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Red, royal, navy, purple, silver



GUIDE PANTS

The Guide Pants are made of a lighter weight Polarpile fabric with a zippered fly and an elasticized waist with belt loops. Hand warmer pockets add utility to this comfortable pant. We used this basic design on Himalayan expeditions in the seventies. When we began making pants these were a natural choice to add to our line. With our Design Team's modifications and newer materials we feel these are the finest expedition pants available.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Navy

TELEMARK PANTS

For ski mountaineering, backpacking, ice climbing, and trekking, these heavy duty, multiple use, Gore-Tex mountaineering pants are great. Both the knees and seat are reinforced with packcloth, and there are cordura nylon edge protectors on the inside cuffs. The telemark pants have a zippered fly and elasticized waist draw cord.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Red, royal, black, navy

*Kim Schmitz in Teton Anorak on Summit of Grand Teton/
Jack Turner*

TETON ANORAK

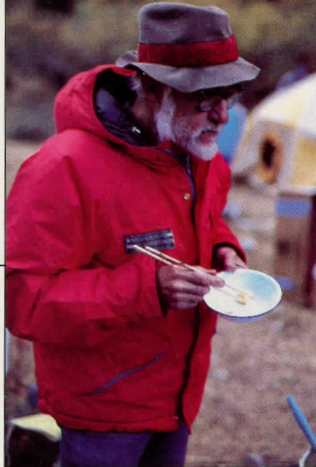
Designed for climbing, the Teton Anorak is the perfect final step in any layering sequence for active outdoor activity. It has become a favorite among backcountry skiers. It is a pullover style with a side zipper, allowing us to cut it a little slimmer than traditional Anoraks and still make it easy to get on and off, plus providing extra ventilation. The arms have gussets to provide unimpeded movement and the elbows are reinforced with pack cloth. It is made of Gore-Tex® laminated to taslan nylon, and fully lined in taffeta nylon. All seams are factory sealed.

Size: S, M, L, XL

Color: Red, navy



*Al Steck after successful Celestial Peak,
China Expedition/Bob Schneider*



ULTIMATE PARKA

This Parka made it to the top of Everest and back and has all the ingredients necessary for success. The Ultimate uses high-loft Quallofil insulation under Gore-Tex laminated Taffeta making this parka perfect for expeditions. The Ultimate's other features include underarm gussets for complete freedom of movement, integral hood, a storm skirt and elasticized draw-

cord bottom, knit cuffs with velcro closures, elbow patches for added durability, dual zippered slash pockets and a chest pocket.

*Size: S, M, L, XL
Color: Red, Royal*



*Kim Momb on the
summit of Everest via the
previously unclimbed East Face/
Louis Reichardt*



THE EVEREST CLIMBING SUIT

The Everest Climbing Suit combines a Taffeta Gore-Tex outer reinforced with Cordura patches with warm, yet non-restrictive, Sontique insulation into a matchless alpine climbing

suit. There is a fully gusseted wind flap behind the front zipper, multiple front storage pockets, a drop seat and full length leg zippers and it is fully factory sealed throughout.

*Size: S-L
Color: Red w/blue patches.*



THE ALPINIST SERIES OF PACKS

The Wilderness Experience Alpinist Series of packs are designed to meet the most demanding conditions. These packs are products of an ongoing evolution in both mountaineering style and technique.

The aim of the Alpinist Series is to keep pace with the needs of the mountaineering community. As these needs change, so do our packs. They are therefore in a constant state of refinement.

The Alpinist Series packs have all been used on Mt. Everest numerous times, and have also been used on the most difficult routes and highest peaks in the world. A mountaineer's pack must provide unquestioned reliability, comfort, and safety in the rapidly changing conditions found at this level of climbing.

The shoulder harness system of the Alpinist Series is a glaring departure from earlier packs. The shoulder straps have been cut wider to distribute weight more evenly. Utilizing a unique foam combination developed by Wilderness Experience, these shoulder straps offer a firm high-density closed-cell foam for support and a softer low-density foam for comfort. The shoulder straps have also been anatomically-cut, curving to the contours of the body. This ergonomic design allows for complete freedom of movement.

The shoulder strap system originally developed by Lone Alpine Systems can be adjusted to fit a wide range of torso lengths for both men and women. This easy and efficient, adjustable torso-track system allows the pack

to be custom fitted in seconds, even under extreme conditions for different sized users.

The waist belts are constructed of our dual-density foam and reinforced with two-inch nylon webbing where more structural rigidity is required.

These packs have a unique new waistbelt (patent pend-

ing) that allows for a quick and easy adjustment to the waist size and to its over-all conical shape. This is a tremendous benefit in obtaining a perfect fit. Back lengths vary only slightly even from women to men and can easily be accommodated by our torso-track system, but waist size and shape vary widely (especially from men to

women). With our new adjustable waist belt, even the actual conical shape can be increased (for women) or decreased (for men). Another Wilderness Experience exclusive.

Each Alpinist design allows for substantial volume expansion with a waterproof extension shirt that is extremely useful during bivouacs and a deep, crowned adjustable top pocket.

These unique top pockets not only adjust to the size of the load, but the one-inch nylon webbing that holds them secure runs through a curved channel on the sides of the crowned top that can be tightened to firmly seal the top closure.

This expansion system, along with side compression straps, allows these packs to be used for both a short, lightweight, week-end trip as well as a two-month expedition.

The Alpinist Series packs are constantly being subjected to the ultimate field test of high-altitude mountaineering. The resulting improvements have made these packs ideal for backpacking, climbing and ski mountaineering.

One needn't be on an Everest expedition to make good use of the Alpinist Series. Wilderness Experience offers the technical design know-how and manufacturing expertise that you can depend on to take you anywhere.



Wilderness Experience Track System

Jack Tackle on first ascent of Lukpilla Brakk, Karakorum, Pakistan/Galen Rowell

ALPINIST II

Proven on mountains around the world, this supremely comfortable and functional pack is designed for extended backpacking and climbing. The specially crafted harness system allows for complete adjustment and freedom of movement. A waterproof skirt allows 2000 cu. in. of additional vertical expansion, and two internal aluminum stays assure rigidity. One size fits all.

Capacity: 6040 cu. in. capacity; 8040 cu. in. with bivy extension

Weight: 5 lbs. 8 oz.

- Multiple Fastex accessory patches
- Double foam-padded waist belt
- Stress-spreading shoulder strap attachments
- Ice-axe loops
- Excellent weight-to-carrying-capacity ratio
- Torso Trak System

THE QUICKSILVER

A large capacity, all-around mountaineering pack with divided compartments for load control and convenience. Constructed of extremely rugged Packcloth and Cordura nylon.

Features:

- Two large compartments with YKK® coil zipper center divider
- Double-entry, adjustable top pocket, waterproof, nylon bivy extension for carrying larger loads
- Anatomically-designed, curved shoulder straps
- Pack is adjustable for all torso lengths via Torso Trak System
- Fastex® quick-release sternum strap
- Full-circling, conically-cut, double-padded waist belt with Fastex® buckle
- Twin 6061 T-6 aluminum internal stays

Capacity: 5440 cu. in.

Weight: 5 lbs. 5 oz.



Kim Schmitz descending from Siguniang, China/
Greg Thomsen

ICE NINE

This medium-size trekking pack features a top-loading single compartment and a sophisticated harness system that allows for a custom fit. Twin aluminum internal stays give the multi-purpose pack rigidity. The nylon used in the Ice Nine is remarkably resistant to abrasion, and the stitching throughout is reinforced. Other features include a waterproof bivy extension, adjustable side straps for compressing loads, and a quick-release waist belt.

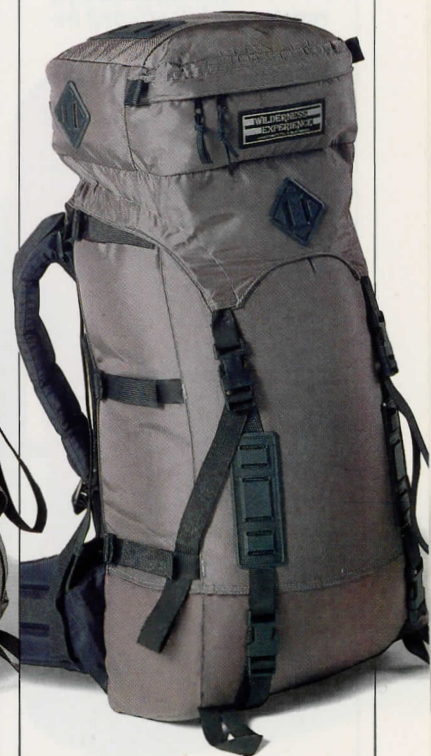
Capacity: 3495 cu. in.; 4345 cu. in. with bivy extension

Weight: 4 lbs.

OPTIONAL SIDE POCKETS

Capacity: 850 cu. in. per pair

Weight: 9 oz. per pair

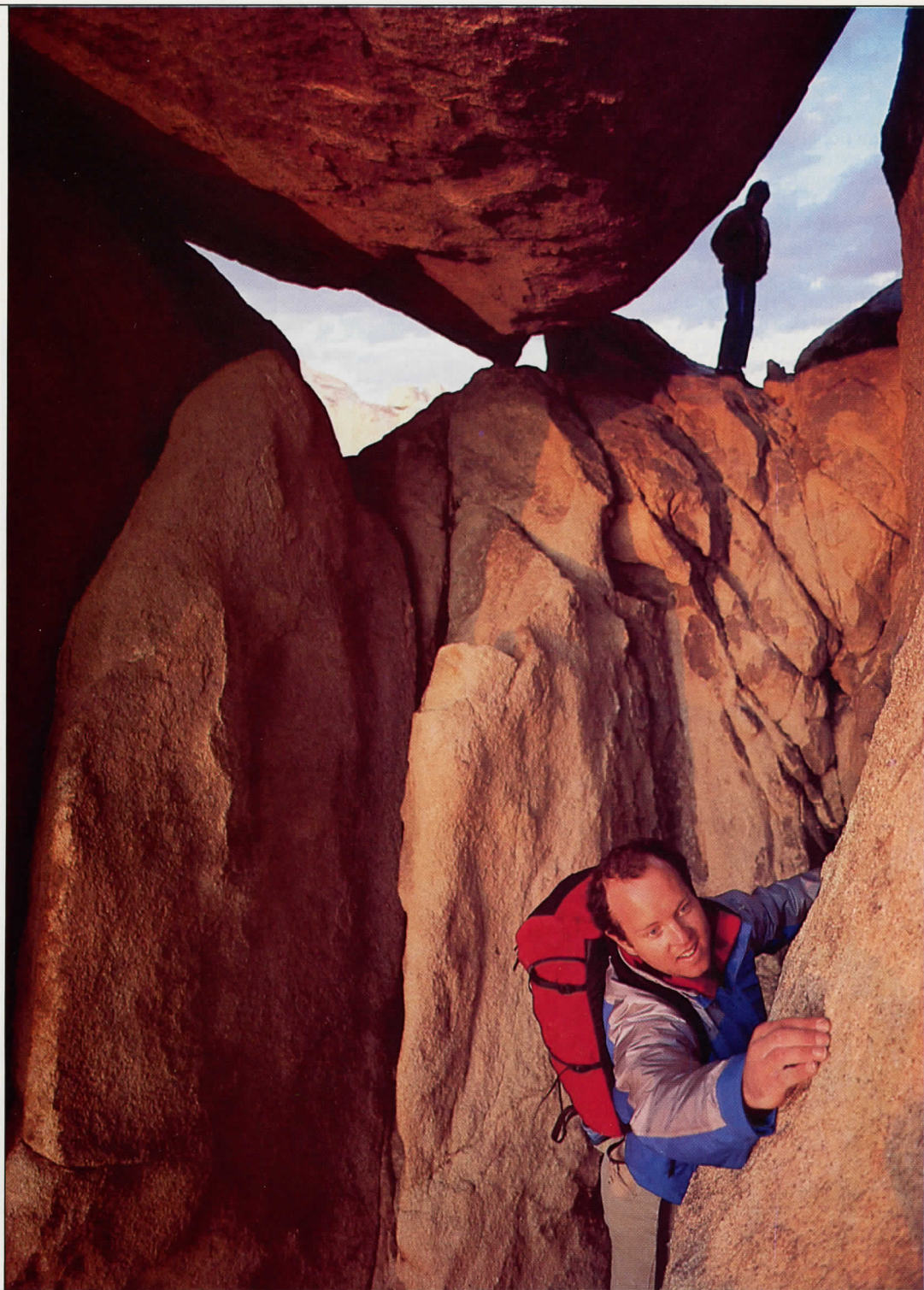


THE GUIDE SERIES

Designed for the professional, the Guide Series is our answer to the all-around mountain pack. These extremely rugged packs are made with waterproof Cordura® nylon. This series is the result of months of design work and testing and utilizes form-fitting internal stays sandwiched between two layers of foam. These packs are both lightweight and comfortable; perfect for the professional as well as the weekend hiker.

The Guide Series compression system consists of a group of highly adjustable compression straps located in all the right places. Side straps allow for the main body of the packs to compress, thereby improving stability. Double-stitched and completely reinforced daisy loops of nylon webbing add reinforcement and abrasion resistance while offering tremendous flexibility in attachment points.

The Guide Series: lightweight, durable, and designed by the Wilderness Experience Design Team of top climbers and mountaineers.



Climbing in Joshua Tree/Galen Rowell

DAY GUIDE

Larger than most day packs, the Day Guide can be packed for overnight trips or can carry enough equipment for a fast, light-weight ascent. Offering a unique, close-fitting, comfortable shape, this pack offers a selection of adjustable compression straps to improve the stability and allow for adjustments. A top strap firmly lifts the pack's bottom thereby holding the contents closer to the back.

An additional heavy-duty reinforced webbing-loop above the shoulder straps can be used in conjunction with the loops placed at the tops of the daisy chains, creating a perfectly balanced hauling system. An elasticized top pocket ensures a tight top closure. We think the Day Guide is the ultimate solution in lightweight mountain packs.

*Capacity: 2000 cu. in.
Weight: 1 lb. 8 oz.*



PALISADE

Like the Day Guide in shape, but larger and beefier with well-padded curved shoulder straps, load-stabilizer straps, adjustable sternum strap and a wide padded waist belt, this pack is my choice of packs for the two-day Alpine climb. This is a pack that will accept a rope, hardware, bivi gear and food without having to scrape torn knuckles while searching for a little more space. With a more comfortable and larger suspension, this pack will make long approaches pass as easy as any pack allows, yet best of all it is no bigger than needed. Along with the waterproof bivi extension and double opposing top flap pockets, this is the ideal pack for my needs.

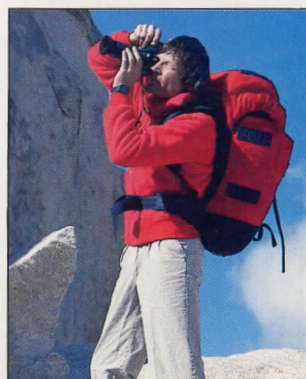
Kim Schmitz/Design Team

*Capacity: 3800 cu. in.
Weight: 3 lbs. 6 oz.*



BALTI PORTER

The Balti Porter is the last in the Guide Series. When asked to write briefly on this pack I realized the Balti is also one of my favorite packs. I work for Exum Mountain Guides during the summer. As we gain altitude on some of our longer climbs, my clients load me down with more



*Kim Schmitz with Balti
Porter Pack/
Bob Gaines*

and more of their equipment. Speed is essential in the mountains so I must carry these things and continually take things in and out for the client's use. I carry a camera along with other required items so when reaching into the bottom of this jumble, the whole put-in/take-out scene becomes very trying.

Voila. Here comes the Balti Porter with its full-zipped opened back, securely weatherproofed with a velcro closure over the zip. Yes, this is my favorite pack for guiding. With the opposing top flap pockets, I can sneak my hand over my shoulder and turn on the tape deck without any of my clients noticing while they plod up the trail far below.

Kim Schmitz/Design Team

*Capacity: 3800 cu. in.
Weight: 3 lbs. 8 oz.*



DAYPACKS

Not even mountaineering packs are subjected to the abuse that daypacks must take. Day in and day out, the daypack is stuffed to carry loads of books and other heavy, dense items.

Wilderness Experience has this abuse in mind when we design, test and manufacture our rugged daypacks.

All major seams are double-stitched with a specially-developed nylon pack thread (more than ten times stronger than the industry standard cotton wrap polyester thread). We are able to use this heavy, durable thread when other manufacturers can't because of our unique method of applying a silicone coating to the thread and sewing needle during the manufacturing process. At the same time, a jet of cold air cools the needle to avoid melting the nylon thread. Lacking this unique process and custom machinery, other pack manufacturers must resort to using a weaker (yet non-melting) cotton wrapped thread to eliminate needle heat-up as it is forced through the heavy nylon material during the sewing operation.

Wilderness Experience's unique silicone treatment also aids in closing the stitch hole, sealing the thread for a more waterproof stitch line. For complete waterproofing, however, we suggest seam-coating exposed seams.

All Wilderness Experience packs utilize padded straps containing a special high-density, closed-cell foam which resists deterioration, compression and moisture absorption—all common defects found in other brands.



POST GRADUATE

The Post Graduate is our ultimate Day Pack. Made of 8 oz. coated Packcloth, the Post Graduate is perfect for organizing books and papers. An outer zippered pocket opens to reveal a hidden pocket for a notepad, slots for pens and pencils and a handy zipped accessory pocket for all these odds and ends.

Size: 1525 cu. in.
Weight: 1 lb.



HONEY BEE

Designed to be rugged, with your child in mind, the Honey Bee utilizes urethane-coated Packcloth nylon to remain waterproof in a lifetime of rainstorms, and double-stitched nylon thread for added toughness. Its roomy main compartment and zippered back pocket are large enough to allow the kids to carry a full day's supply of snacks and clothing. To hold the pack securely against a young back, we've included webbed shoulder straps.

Capacity: 575 cu. in.
Weight: 6 oz.



BIKE PACK

There's no better way to transport all your favorite items from place to place. Ideal for bicycling because it rides high on the back. Even during the worst weather, the durable water-proof nylon lets you use your pack without fear. Its half-moon coil zipper opens up to a roomy main compartment, while the convenient zippered pocket can be used to store snacks for your outing. For strapping items that are too large to fit in the pack, we included the twin Fastex accessory patches; the adjustable shoulder straps and quick-release waist-belt are additional features.

Capacity: 1075 cu. in.
Weight: 8 oz.



TUNDRA

A superb "knock-around" pack that no hiker or student should be without, the Tundra features a spacious, zippered front pocket and secure tie points that are ideal for carrying accessories. The top opening main compartment is covered by a buckled, quick-release weather flap with wide seat-belt-type shoulder straps which make it a dependable companion. To top that all, the smooth packcloth nylon assures a soft, comfortable feel.

Capacity: 1285 cu. in.
Weight: 11 oz.

MAGIC PACK

Quite possibly our most versatile daypack ever, with a unique two-way design: functions as a roomy hiking or bicycle pack, and can be folded down to be used as a convenient belt pouch. The webbed shoulder straps provide a secure fit to your back, the top flap which doubles as a zippered map pocket, and the large main compartments which are accessed

by releasing the Fastex® buckle make this magic pack a truly excellent stowaway pack for travelers.

Capacity: 1240 cu. in.
Weight: 12 oz.





GRADUATE

Our finest daypack designed specifically with the student in mind. The Graduate features enough pockets to assist even the most disarrayed student in organizing, with its hidden interior pocket, handy front organizer pockets, and wide zippered top opening. To lessen the burden of the student, comfortable padded shoulder straps are attached, which assures it to be around long after graduation is over.

Capacity: 1550 cu. in.
Weight: 13.5 oz.

STUDENT

Designed for the economy-minded student who also wants the best, constructed with durable nylon packcloth, adjustable shoulder straps of seat-belt webbing, and wide zippered top opening. Of course, the student needs a handy, front organizer pouch! Although rugged and lightweight, this pack is roomy enough to hold a full semester's notes and still have room to spare!

Capacity: 1290 cu. in.
Weight: 10 oz.



HIGH COUNTRY

A spacious daypack functionally designed with a double-pull YKK zipper that completely opens the front of the pack, providing easy access to any item. Special features guaranteed to give you a natural high include: large, front-mounted pocket with protective rainflap, adjustable waist strap with a Fastex® quick-release buckle, heavy-duty Fastex® patches and an ice axe loop for attaching accessories, and fully-adjustable foam-padded shoulder straps that turn an all day hike into a breeze. Of course, the entire pack is made from our waterproof Cordura® nylon.

Capacity: 1245 cu. in.
Weight: 15 oz.

SUMMIT

Our Summit pack has a large, front opening main compartment that will prove to be spacious enough for anything you have to carry, be it school books or day hike supplies. Entry to the

pack is through a large, half-moon zippered opening, with the large zippered front pocket complete with rain flap. Shoulder straps are padded for all day comfort but at the same time, the pack is constructed of waterproof, heavy-duty Cordura nylon for complete satisfaction.

Capacity: 1100 cu. in.
Weight: 12 oz.

MEADOW

Our most popular daypack, the Meadow has proven just as functional to the student as it has to the hiker. Made from our finest, abrasion-resistant Cordura nylon, its large main compartment for books or clothes, sealed by a unique top flap pocket, makes it perfect for maps or papers. If you have additional items to attach that are too big to fit in the pack, that's no problem with the twin Fastex® accessory patches (on bottom of the bag). Adjustable foam-padded shoulder straps let you carry heavy loads in comfort. To complete the extraordinary features of this pack, there's the zippered front pocket with rain flap to prevent water leakage around the zipper.

Capacity: 1345 cu. in.
Weight: 14 oz.

KLETTERSACK

The classic water-proof, urethane-coated Cordura® nylon climbing pack with a large top-opening main compartment underneath a handy zippered pocket flap. For added comfort, there's a smooth packcloth nylon back with foam pad and padded adjustable shoulder straps. For convenience, check out the seven accessory patches and side pockets with the optional leather bottom. Also, four 2 x 5 inch Fastex® accessory patches allow you to attach skis or optional side pockets directly to pack. Truly a classic!

Capacity: 1880 cu. in.
Weight: 1 lb. 6 oz.



TRAVEL ARETE

Modeled after one of the most popular internal framepacks on the market today, the Arete, the Travel Arete serves well for extended travel. This convertible pack of Packcloth is well suited for both backpacking and traveling.

Features:

- crossover aluminum alloy stays and an adjustable suspension system with padded lumbar support
- side pockets with ski slots, two front pockets
- multiple Fastex® attachment gear

- zippered back panel conceals suspension system from the perils of conveyor belts and baggage handlers
- shoulder strap and convenient handle for suitcase-like carrying

Capacity: Small 4060 cu. in. Large 4310 cu. in.

Weight: Small 4 lbs. 7 oz. Large 4 lbs. 15 oz.



WORLD TRAVELER

This durable internal framepack doubles both as a backpack for hiking and mountaineering as well as a travel pack for extended trips. This multi-functional pack is designed to be comfortable and convenient.

Features:

- 11 oz. Cordura
- crossover aluminum alloy stays

- adjustable suspension system with padded lumbar support
- Two side pockets with ski slots and two front pockets
- zippered panel conceals suspension system for traveling

Capacity: Small 4060 cu. in. Large 4310 cu. in.

Weight: Small 6 lbs. Large 6 lbs. 8 oz.



David Stoecklein photo



THE ARETE

This large, front-opening pack with double-pull YKK coil zippers is made from soft Caprolan nylon with double layers on the bottom for extra resistance to punctures and tearing. Aside from Super K-Kote waterproofing, this pack allows for extra load capacity due to 2 large vertical side pockets (concealing ski slots) and twin, overlapping front pockets. The Arete considers every part of your body: adjustable sternum strap hooks between the wide-padded shoulder straps which allows you to carry heavy loads in comfort, foam-padded lumbar support cushion prevents stress in

lower back area, fully padded wrap-around hip belt with Fastex quick release buckle, handy accessory and crampon patches; a fully enclosed bendable internal aluminum frame contours perfectly to your body. Functional compression straps adjust to prevent objects from moving around inside the pack when carrying a lighter load. So whether light or heavy, the Arete is a perfect trail pack for a multitude of uses.

*Capacity: 4310 cu. in.
Weight: 4 lbs. 9 oz.*



TOP OPENING "S" FRAME

Our most popular external frame style constructed of aircraft-quality 6061 T-6 aluminum for a lifetime of service under the heaviest loads. Especially designed for your comfort are features like wide-padded waistbelt and



*John Roskelly with
son Jess and
S-Frame Pack*

shoulder straps, large top-opening design with handy drawcord closures, and plenty of accessory & crampon attachment patches made from heavy-duty Fastex thermal plastic—far more durable than leather. It's loaded with convenience features such as fully adjustable sternum strap to prevent shoulder strap slippage, rugged urethane-coated packcloth nylon for complete waterproofness, 4 large side pockets & one front pocket (under top flap) which provides plenty of space to carry handy items, and lower zippered compartment ideal for storing clothing—that means no more searching endlessly through your pack! The Top Opening S Frame is really tops when talking comfort and convenience.

*Size: S, M, L, XL
Weight: XL 5 lbs. 11 oz.
Capacity: XL 4850 cu. in.*



• S L E E P I N G B A G S •

Wilderness Experience sleeping bags are the culmination of years of research and development by many of America's greatest mountaineers. Through continuous field testing in some of the most severe conditions on earth and feedback from major expeditions including Everest '83-84-85, '84 Thelay Sagar & Shiuling NF Expedition and '84 Makalu, we've continually refined our sleeping bag designs.

Sleeping bags are among the simplest pieces of equipment to buy and at the same time the most confusing. All sleeping bags look alike to the casual observer but there are important differences. To understand how a sleeping bag works think of it as the insulating system in a house with the person in the bag as the furnace. In order to evaluate the performance and design of a sleeping bag you must look at the amount and type of insulation and the amount of air infiltration.

No one generates heat in exactly the same way. Your overall health, combined with what you have eaten, how long ago you ate, what kind of day you have had (exhausting or easy), and other factors (wind, humidity and altitude to name a few) effect the amount of heat your body produces.

If you keep in mind what sleeping bags are supposed to do, that is, keep your heat in, you can see for yourself why Wilderness Experience makes the best sleeping bags. The largest area of heat loss is where your head sticks out. We use contour cut hoods to provide a good seal in cold weather. In some models we use an extra layer of insulation at the shoulders to cut down on the flow of air

in and out of the bag. In other models a draft collar serves the same function.

The draft flap, that is, the seal on the zipper, is critical in maintaining body heat. We place a wide draft flap right against the zipper with a nylon or pellow tape to prevent zipper snagging. We run the draft flap all the way to the bottom of the bag with a gusset at the bottom of the zipper to create a more effective seal. Run your hand down the inside of the zipper

on a Wilderness Experience sleeping bag and compare the seal with other sleeping bags.

Examine the stitching and you'll find that none of the seams in the body of the bag are sewn through to the interior. The offset quilting makes it more difficult for heat to escape. Look at the foot section of the bag. The elephant foot section, as it's called, is larger than most, so there is room for your feet to move comfortably.

Finally, climb inside the bag. That's how it's going to be used. We make our bags more generous in cut than most because we spend a lot of time in sleeping bags.

Wilderness Experience uses a modified mummy cut. Frankly, we don't like the cigar shapes and tight mummy shapes favored by some manufacturers because they are confining. For that same reason our standard bags fit to 6 feet while most companies choose 5'10" standard sizes. A Wilderness Experience trademark is our handy shoulder pocket. This feature is for anything that you want to keep track of in the middle of the night; glasses, prescriptions, or flashlight.



I've used my Latok bag on four 20,000 ft. peaks this last year and consider it the best designed sleeping bag on the market. Warm, light and stuffs down good—everything a sleeping bag should be! This and the other Wilderness Experience equipment that we have used is helping to make possible the ultimate freedom in the mountains, small alpine style ascents of major high altitude peaks, safely!

Scott Woolums/
Northwest Images

On first ascent of North side of Trango Tower, Karakorum, Pakistan/Scot Woolums

LATOK 1

The Latok I is the bag for the professional. The bag was designed for expedition conditions. It has the interior of the Black Magic with an outer shell of Gore-Tex laminated to lightweight nylon. We rate the Latok I as extreme conditions because we assume the user will be experienced in choosing to push the limits of the bag by using additional clothing. This is a great bag for Winter Camping, lightweight mountaineering and especially for snow caves.

Weight: 4 lbs. 14 oz.
Rating: -25°F.

BLACK MAGIC

The Black Magic, rated at -10 degrees, weighs only 4 lbs. 10 oz. and has a special Black 1.1 oz. ripstop outer to reduce weight while providing a surface which will absorb light. Even on an overcast day, The Black Magic will burn off frost in a hurry and get you going when Winter camping.

Weight: 4 lbs. 10 oz.
Rating: -10°F.

SILVER CLOUD

The Silver Cloud, a 3 lb. 15 oz. bag is rated at 5°. The bag is small and light enough to compete with down for the ultralight camper.

Weight: 3 lbs. 15 oz.
Rating: +5°F.

THE TECHNICAL SERIES

The Technical Series sleeping bags were designed for the person who pushes his or her abilities to the extremes and must have a bag that matches those limits. Each of these bags represents the state of the art in construction technique, materials and design. They are somewhat narrower in cut than our other bags and incorporate radiant heat barriers made of Texolite to provide unequaled warmth to weight ratios in synthetic bags.

Radiant heat passes right through conventional sleeping bags made of high loft insulators like Polar-guard, Hollofil and Quallofil. Texolite is composed of two layers of aluminized polyethylene film quilted between three layers of nylon mesh. The reflective surface of the film works as a barrier to eliminate heat loss. The nylon mesh protects the film, and by separating the two layers of film works to reduce heat loss by conduction. In addition, the Texolite film reduces the evaporation of moisture from your skin by maintaining a higher moisture level inside the bag, thus reducing the amount of heat necessary to maintain your skin's normal moisture level. Texolite/polarguard sleeping bags allow warmth-to-weight ratios unexcelled in synthetic sleeping bags. The Texolite radiant barrier system is used by the astronauts in the space shuttle.



SYNTHETIC BAGS

Our synthetic sleeping bags are designed for the serious climber and back-packer. Utilizing warm Polarguard insulation, these bags offer protection for even the coldest of nights. The complete line of synthetic bags offers efficient draft flaps, form fitting hoods, zippered chest pockets, non-constricting shoulder collars, waterproof stuff sacks and breathable storage bags. These bags were developed and tested by our experienced design team and deliver the ultimate in warmth, comfort and protection.

CASCADE

The Cascade is the standard of comparison in synthetic sleeping bags. It's constructed of continuous filament Polarguard insulation proven through years of continuous use. Rated conservatively at 20 degrees and generously cut for comfort, the Cascade is the perfect companion for backpacking, canoeing, and general camping.

*Weight: 3 lbs. 10 oz.
Rating: +30° F.*



NORTHERN LITE

The Northern Lite is designed for those who like to extend the camping season into Spring and Fall. Rated at 10 degrees it is a perfect all around bag for most backpacking. The silky antron nylon provides an extra degree of luxury.

*Weight: 4 lbs. 6 oz.
Rating: +10° F.*



TIMBERLINE

with optional mantle

The Timberline sleeping bag is the core of the new modular sleeping bag system. Rated at +20 degrees this 3 lb. 14 oz. polarguard sleeping bag is ideal for the climber, backpacker or cycling vagabond who insists on going light. It includes a pillow pocket in the hood, a wind collar to eliminate drafts, two chest pockets and an extra set of zippers which allow you to add extra top layers (mantles) to provide an additional 15-20 degrees of warmth. It is unquestionably the most versatile sleeping bag made.

*Weight: 3 lbs. 14 oz.
Rating: +20° F.*



STARLIGHT*with optional mantle*

The Starlight is the down version of the unique mantle system. The basic bag weighs 2 lbs. 12 oz. and is rated at 15 degrees. It features double zippers on the draft flap to virtually eliminate heat loss through the zipper. Extra zippers allow mantles to be attached to reduce the effective temperature range of the bag. There is a pillow pocket on the hood and two chest pockets for useful night items.

Weight: 2 lbs. 12 oz.
Rating: +15° F.

SUPERLIGHT

The Superlight really epitomizes what down bags are for. At 2 lbs. 8 oz. this +10 degree bag stuffs down to the size of a small loaf of bread. The fabric used in the bag is an extremely tightly woven high strength 1.7 oz. taffeta nylon. This is an ideal bag for bicycle campers and backpackers who wish to go ultralight.

Weight: 2 lbs. 8 oz.
Rating: +10° F.

PHASE 1

The Phase I offers the incredible performance and security of a Gore-Tex® covered down bag. At 3 lbs., this bag is rated down to 0 degrees. The outer shell Gore-Tex® laminated to 1.1 oz. ripstop nylon which provides a lightweight, durable, waterproof shell. This is the ultimate in lightweight sleeping bags.

Weight: 3 lbs.
Rating: 0° F.

DOWN SLEEPING BAGS

Wilderness Experience employs the finest construction techniques to provide state-of-the-art down sleeping bags. We use two types of construction. The Superlight and Phase I use 5-inch slant-box baffles to control the down and eliminate cold spots, with full side-block baffles to prevent shifting. The bags are also constructed using a method called tuck stitching. Tuck stitching means that all the sewing is inside the bag so there is no exposed thread to snag or wear out. The Starlight uses the complex chevron-baffle system which prevents the down from shifting. All bags feature baffles which are differentially cut to place the majority of down above the body where it is needed most. The outer shell of the bag is cut larger than the inner shell to assure full loft as opposed to less expensive designs.



• T E N T S •

MULTI-EQUINOX

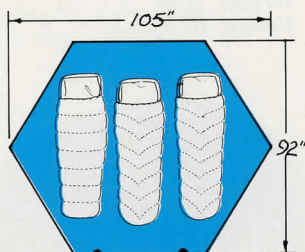
The Multi-Equinox dome tent is a free standing, three to four person, true geodesic design. Its six equal-length shock-corded aluminum poles guarantee a pitch that is very taut and produces an exostructure that is able to withstand the stresses of high winds and heavy snow loads, yet is easy to set up. The canopy is composed of breathable 1.9 oz. ripstop nylon and the 18-inch high bathtub floor is 2.8 oz. Super K-Kote nylon taffeta. Two spacious 50-inch wide doors backed by mosquito netting and one large window provides good ventilation and all-weather protection. The full coverage rainfly attaches quickly and is

constructed of 2.2 oz. Super K-Kote nylon taffeta.

The optional zip-on vestibule is a 45-inch long extreme weather tunnel that covers the door completely to facilitate easy access and provide covered cooking space.

The Multi-Equinox includes stakes, guy lines and a stuff sack.

Weight: 10 lbs.



BIVY SHELTER

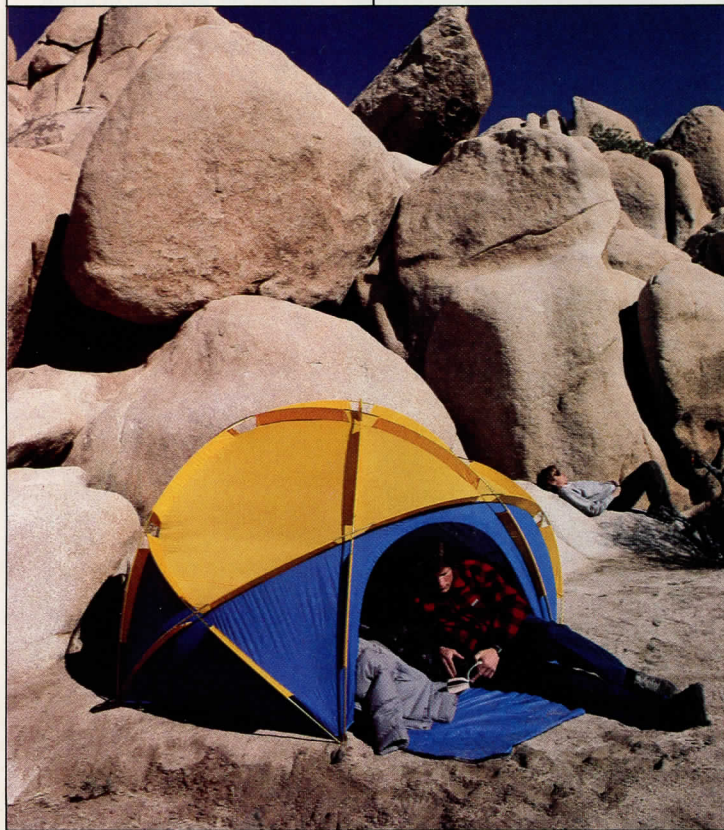
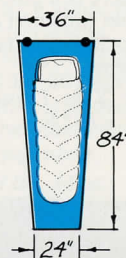
The Bivy Shelter, at just over two pounds, is the perfect lightweight answer for the lone adventurer. Its unique design allows for sheltered entry in inclement weather because of its covered vertical door. The rear mosquito net window is backed by a Super K-Kote panel and is fully adjustable for ventilation control.

The fiberglass hoops facilitate an easy set-up and keep the seamless Gore-Tex canopy away from your sleeping bag while providing a feeling of spaciousness. The 2.8 oz. Super K-Kote Nylon is a full thirty inches wide, eight feet long.

Every seam of the Bivy Shelter has been sewn twice, then further strengthened with the addition of seam binding tape.

In its stuff sack, with stakes and guy lines, the Bivy is only 4" x 5" and will fit easily into a rucksack or pannier.

Weight: 2 lbs. 1 oz.



Equinox Tent, Joshua Tree/Galen Rowell



Bivy Shelter Tent/Galen Rowell

SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary is a spacious two person tent with a unique design that features a tall central dome supported by two arc poles that cross in the middle and two tunnel-like "wing" ends supported by smaller arcs which supply enough room for two with ample space inside the double doors for equipment. Both doors are backed by mosquito netting with windows at each end of the tent for excellent cross-flow ventilation.

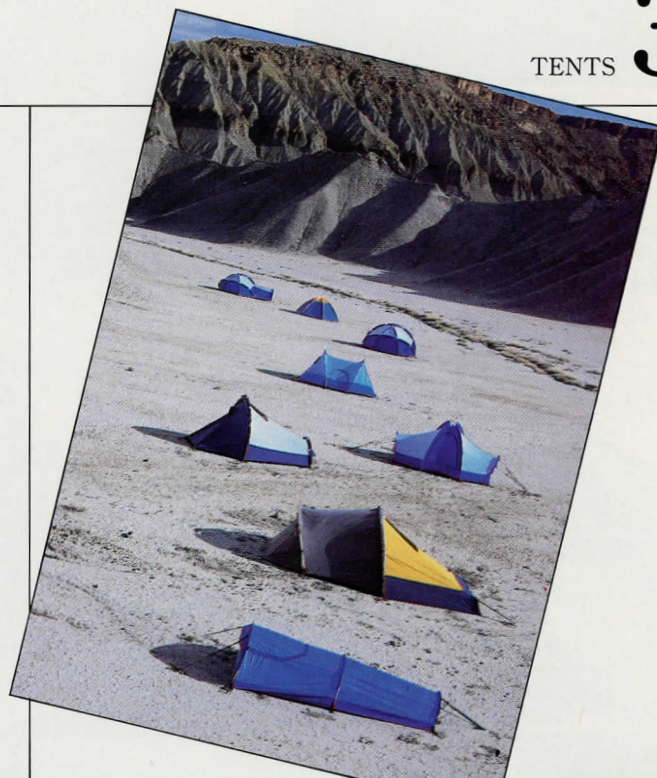
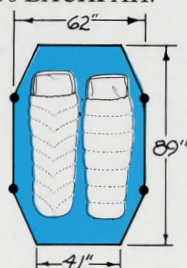
The Sanctuary's elasticized flysheet is also unique in that it tightens with buckled straps to prevent flapping in the wind. The Sanctuary's versatility is further enhanced by the

fact that the rainfly creates an awning to insure a dry entry to one side and a storm tunnel on the other.

Included with the Sanctuary are stakes, guy lines and a stuff sack.

Weight: 6 lbs. 7 oz.

For a catalog with the complete line of tents available from Wilderness Experience call 800 BACKPAK.



Sanctuary Tent/Carlos Buhler

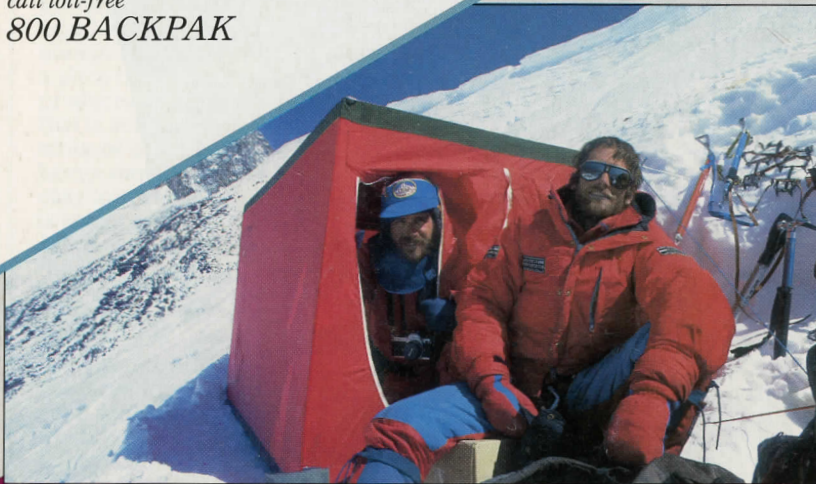




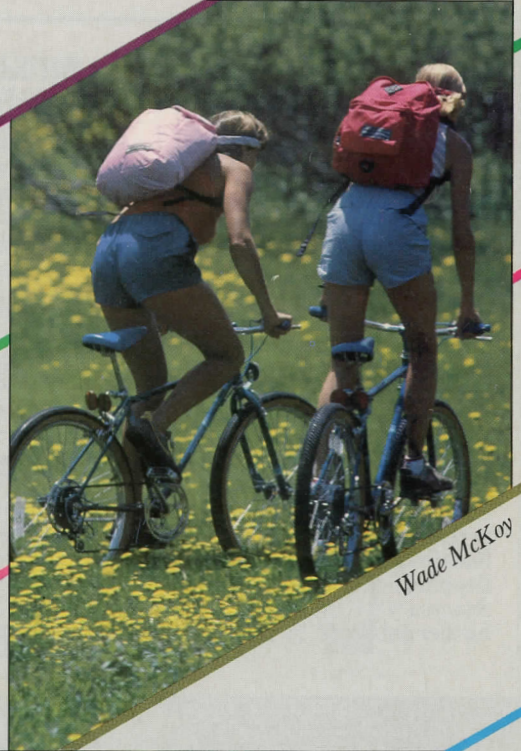
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